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SUBJECT: TEXT OF BOYD SECURITY COUNCIL SPEECH

1. FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION OF SPEECH BY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE BOYD OF PANAMA AT SECURITY COUNCIL SESSION JANUARY 12. BEGIN TEXT:

SINCE THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THE SECURITY COUNCIL HAS MET IN 1976, I SHOULD LIKE ON BEHALF OF MY DELEGATION CORDIALLY TO GREET ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND THE MEMBERS OF THE SECRETARIAT. IT IS SYMBOLIC THAT WE BEGIN OUR WORK THIS YEAR UNDER THE PRESIDENCY OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, AMBASSADOR SALIM AHMED SALIM. ALL OF US ARE AWARE OF THE INTENSE EFFORTS HE HAS DEPLOYED IN THE TASK

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OF LIBERATING AFRICA AND SOLVING ALL THE PROBLEMS

CONNECTED WITH COLONIALISM AND THE STRENGTHENING OF PEACE.

IN 1976 MY COUNTRY WILL CELEBRATE THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONGRESS WHICH WAS CONVENED IN PANAMA BY SIMON BOLIVAR AND WHICH HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED AS THE FIRST DEMONSTRATION IN THE HISTORY OF MANKIND OF INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY AND

COOPERATION. PANAMA'S PRESENCE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL AT THIS TIME HAS PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE AND SIGNIFICANCE THEREFORE. WE ARE HERE BECAUSE OF THE GENEROSITY OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE LATIN AMERICAN GROUP IN THE UNITED NATIONS. AT THIS DECISIVE MOMENT OF ITS HISTORY, PANAMA NEEDED TO OCCUPY THIS IMPORTANT PLACE IN ORDER BETTER TO DEFEND ITS POSITION OF EFFECTIVE SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE PANAMA CANAL ZONE, A GOAL FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF WHICH WE HAVE BEEN STRUGGLING RELENTLESSLY.

WE WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE BRILLIANT WORK WHICH HAS BEEN DONE BY THE DISTINGUISHED DELEGATION OF THE SISTER REPUBLIC OF COSTA RICA, AND WE ARE HONORED NOW TO TAKE ITS PLACE. WE WOULD PARTICULARLY LIKE TO THANK ITS REPRESENTATIVE, AMBASSADOR FERNANDO SALAZAR.

PANAMA IS A PEACE-LOVING NATION AND IN THIS COUNCIL IT WILL FULLY DISCHARGE ITS DUTY TO WORK FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. WE ARE A COUNTRY WITH AN INTERNATIONAL VOCATION, A COUNTRY WHICH WISHES TO ENTER-TAIN FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ALL STATES OF THE WORLD. THE LEADER OF THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT, GENERAL OMAR TORRIJOS, IS NOW IN CBDUBA ON A GOODWILL VISIT AND HE HAS BEEN ABLE TO CAPTURE THE SYMPATHY AND THE SOLIDARITY OF THE BROAD MAJORITY OF COUNTRIES IN AMERICA AND IN THE THIRD WORLD BECAUSE OF HIS INDEPENDENT AND WORTHY FOREIGN POLICY, THE POSITIVE RESULTS OF WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN TRANSLATED INTO THE UNITY OF THE LATIN AMERICAN CONTINENT IN THE DEFENSE OF OUR CAUSE WHICH CONSTITUTES A PROBLEM OF THE HIGHEST PRIORITY IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE.

I HAVE TOUCHED BRIEFLY ON THIS TOPIC BECAUSE WE SHOULD LIKE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR FIRST PUBLIC APPEARANCE OF UNCLASSIFIED

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OUR TERM OF MEMBERSHIP AT THIS MEETING TO INDICATE THE FACT THAT THERE ARE VERY CLEAR SYMPTOMS IN MY COUNTRY THTSAT THE PANAMA CANAL ZONE WILL CONTINUE TO BE ONE OF THE MOST SENSITIVE CENTERS OF INTERNATIONAL TENSION. WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT THE MEETINGS HELD BY THE COUNCIL IN PANAMA IN MARCH 1973 DID CONTRIBUTE TO STRENGTHENING PEACE IN THE REGION, IT IS NONE THE LESS TRUE THAT WE HAVE AS YET BEEN UNABLE TO REACH A SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEMS OF THE CANAL

ZONE BECAUSE THE EFFORTS MADE BY THE UNITED STATES TOWARDS
RECOGNITION OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF MY COUNTRY OVER
THE CANAL ZONE HAVE NOT BEEN SUFFICIENT. THEREFORE IT
SHOULD SURPRISE NO ONE THAT PANAMA WILL SUPPORT THE
PRESENCE OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION IN THE
DEBATE WE BEGIN TODAY.

WE BELIEVE THAT THEIR PRESENCE WITH US IS FULLY JUSTI-
FIABLE, SINCE THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION IS
THE AUTHENTIC REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PEOPLE OF PALESTINE
AND SINCE IT HAS BEEN SO RECOGNIZED IN RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED
BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN THE PAST. ONCE AGAIN, IT IS
A PLEASURE FOR US TO EXPRESS OUR SUPPORT FOR THE PRESENCE
OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION SO THAT IT MAY
PARTICIPATE IN THE DEBATE ON MATTERS TOUCHING ON THE
INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE IN THAT
AREA OF TENSION.

I DO NOT WISH TO EXTEND THIS PROCEDURAL DEBATE, BUT WE
SHOULD LIKE TO INDICATE THE FACT THAT, IN OUR VIEW, THE
PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION DOES INDEED HAVE THE
RIGHT TO BE REPRESENTED WHEN ANY QUESTIONS IN THIS
CONNECTION ARE DEBATED IN ANY OF THE BODIES OF THE UNITED
NATIONS, AND THAT IT MAY PARTICIPATE ON AN EQUAL FOOTING
WITH OTHER STATES.

PANAMA, WHICH IS STRUGGLING FOR SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE
PANAMA CANAL ZONE AND WHICH IS READY TO CLAIM ITS
INALIENABLE RIGHTS OVER ITS TERRITORY BY ALL POSSIBLE
MEANS, MUST ACT IN CONFORMITY WITH THIS POSITION. THUS
IT IS A PLEASURE FOR US ENTHUSIASTICALLY TO SUPPORT THE
LEGITIMATE RIGHT OF THE PALESTINIANS TO THEIR OWN HOME-
LAND IN THE PALESTINIAN TERRITORY, WITHOUT THEREBY SIGNI-
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FYING THAT PANAMA IS MODIFYING ITS POSITION WITH REGARD
TO THE RIGHT OF STATES OF THE MIDDLE EAST TO LIVE IN
PEACE WITHIN SECURE AND RECOGNIZED BORDERS. KISSINGER
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